

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	Rabbani et al.	)	
Serial No.:	08/978,636	)	Group Art Unit: 1635
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For:	<b>NON-NATIVE POLYMERASE ENCODING NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT</b>	)	

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111  
(IN RESPONSE TO THE MAY 31, 2005 OFFICE ACTION)**

Dear Sirs:

This is a response to the Office Action issued on May 31, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application.